THE NON-RESIDENT AGRICULTURAL LAND INTERESTS REGISTRATION ACT 1980

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Introduction:

The ownership or the holding of an interest in agricultural land both directly and indirectly, by non-residents of Canada, has been recognized as a matter of concern in rural Ontario. To answer this concern, the Provincial Government enacted legislation to monitor the extent of such ownership or interest.

The legislation, The Non-resident Agricultural Land Interests Registration Act 1980, administered by the Foodland Preservation Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, was proclaimed on December 1, 1980.

This report provides details of the registration data filed under the Act between December 1, 1980 and September 30, 1982.

The Act:

The Act requires the registration of non-resident interests in agricultural land in Ontario. A description of the main elements of the legislation follows:

- Non-Resident
  - a person who does not normally reside in Canada, or a person residing in Canada who acquires or holds an interest in agricultural land on behalf of non-resident persons.
  - a corporation controlled directly or indirectly by non-resident persons.
  - an organization or association where 50 percent or more of the property is owned for the benefit of non-resident persons.
  - a trust agreement where 50 percent or more of the property, or 50 percent or more of the income from the trust, is owned or is for the benefit of non-resident persons.
- Agricultural Land
  - land in Ontario which is zoned or assessed for agricultural use, or land actually used as farm or agricultural land or as an orchard.
- Interest
  - a legal or equitable title to land in writing, for example a mortgage, deed, lease, shares, or notes.

Anyone with an existing interest (held on or before November 30, 1980) was required to register that interest by November 30, 1981.

Anyone who acquired or terminated an interest on or after December 1, 1980 is required to file a registration report within 90 days of that acquisition or termination.

Types of Entities

- a Canadian Individual is a Canadian resident who holds an interest on behalf of a non-resident
- a Foreign Individual is a non-resident who holds an interest
- a Landed Immigrant is one who is establishing landed immigrant status
- a Small Corporation is an incorporated entity operating on a provincial or local scale
- a Major Corporation is a larger well known corporation operating on a national or international scale

For more detailed information on the act refer to the Non-resident Agricultural Land Interests Registration Act 1980. It is available in many public libraries and from the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto.

Registration:

A prescribed form is available from and filed with the Foodland Preservation Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2B2.

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TABLE I

PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED

DECEMBER 1, 1980 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

Acquired	Number of Properties	Acreage
Before December 1, 1980	694	94,795
Since December 1, 1980	389	57,400
Terminated	6	489
Net Active	1,077	151,706

TABLE II

INTERESTS BY "TYPE OF INTEREST"

	Number of Properties	Acreage
Deed	877	128,685
Lease	89	5,943
Mortgage	7	778
Shares	70	13,897
Trust Agreement	34	2,403
Total	1,077	151,706

TABLE III

INTERESTS BY "TYPE OF ENTITY"

	Number of Properties	Acreage	% of Acreage Registered
Foreign Individual	348	57,143	37.67
Small Corporation	324	50,391	33.22
Major Corporation	315	33,784	22.27
Landed Immigrant	77	9,396	6.19
Canadian Individual	12	824	0.54
Partnership	1	168	0.11
Total	1,077	151,706	100.00

TABLE IV - ACRES REGISTERED BY COUNTY
DECEMBER 1, 1980 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

COUNTY/ MUNICIPALITY	MAJOR CORP'N	SMALL CORP'N	FOREIGN INDIV.	CDN INDIV.	LANDED IMM.	TOTAL ACREAGE
ALGOMA	0	0	205	0	0	205
BRANT	665	384	148	0	0	1,197
BRUCE	296	4,199	1,982	201	650	7,328
COCHRANE	730	105	153	0	0	988
DUFFERIN	0	45	1,122	0	0	1,167
DURHAM	602	890	0	226	0	1,718
ELGIN	0	1,029	1,447	0	77	2,553
ESSEX	482	2,262	2,448	0	0	5,192
FRONTENAC	436	2,500	207	0	0	3,143
GREY	318	142	1,816	0	0	2,276
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK	749	2,548	3,693	0	592	7,582
HALIBURTON	0	0	4,769	0	0	4,769
HALTON	1,143	6,903	2,013	0	46	10,105
HAMILTON-WENTWORTH	35	695	68	0	0	798
HASTINGS	1,817	0	300	0	0	2,117
HURON	559	4,683	3,205	0	1,924	10,361
KENORA	0	0	132	0	0	132
KENT	502	338	2,475	0	0	3,315
LAMBTON	6,580	1,820	2,434	0	200	11,034
LANARK	0	0	250	0	0	250
LEEDS & GRENVILLE	443	220	133	0	493	1,289
LENNOX & ADDINGTON	2,579	718	0	0	0	3,297
MANITOULIN	344	442	2,749	0	0	3,535
METRO TORONTO	257	104	0	0	0	361

TABLE IV-2 - ACRES REGISTERED BY COUNTY
DECEMBER 1, 1980 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

COUNTY/ MUNICIPALITY	MAJOR CORP'N	SMALL CORP'N	FOREIGN INDIV.	CDN INDIV.	LANDED IMM.	TOTAL ACREAGE
MIDDLESEX	352	1,445	2,031	0	1,397	5,225
MUSKOKA	541	100	203	0	0	844
NIAGARA	200	139	1,060	0	0	1,399
NORTHUMBERLAND	20	255	71	0	0	346
OTTAWA-CARLETON	325	0	1,694	0	557	2,576
OXFORD	2,201	0	521	0	0	2,722
PARRY SOUND	4,668	0	0	0	0	4,668
PEEL	1,550	248	48	0	50	1,896
PERTH	3,352	1,396	1,709	0	368	6,825
PETERBOROUGH	150	95	415	0	0	660
PRESCOTT & RUSSELL	54	0	448	0	1,336	1,838
PRINCE EDWARD	676	763	1,322	0	0	2,761
RAINY RIVER	0	8,579	7,209	0	0	15,788
RENFREW	0	774	453	0	0	1,227
SIMCOE	150	2,093	952	0	150	3,345
STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY	183	0	1,505	0	1,477	3,165
THUNDER BAY	4	0	304	0	0	308
TIMISKAMING	0	0	1,036	0	0	1,036
VICTORIA	61	0	947	0	0	1,008
WATERLOO	145	1,201	1,067	397	147	2,957
WELLINGTON	178	965	1,922	0	100	3,165
YORK	437	2,321	477	0	0	3,235
ONTARIO TOTAL	33,784	50,391	57,143	824	9,564	151,706

TABLE V - NUMBER OF PROPERTIES REGISTERED BY COUNTY & TOTAL ACREAGE
DECEMBER 1, 1980 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

COUNTY/ MUNICIPALITY	MAJOR CORP'N	SMALL CORP'N	FOREIGN INDIV.	CDN INDIV.	LANDED IMM.	TOTAL REGIS TRATIONS	TOTAL ACREAGE
ALGOMA	0	0	2	0	0	2	205
BRANT	8	3	1	0	0	12	1,197
BRUCE	3	16	13	2	1	35	7,328
COCHRANE	21	2	1	0	0	24	988
DUFFERIN	0	1	6	0	0	7	1,167
DURHAM	12	14	0	5	0	31	1,718
ELGIN	0	8	12	0	1	21	2,553
ESSEX	10	32	23	0	0	65	5,192
FRONTENAC	2	1	1	0	0	4	3,143
GREY	2	2	8	0	0	12	2,276
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK	1	11	16	0	6	34	7,582
HALIBURTON	0	0	2	0	0	2	4,769
HALTON	12	39	14	0	2	67	10,105
HAMILTON-WENTWORTH	3	5	1	0	0	9	798
HASTINGS	4	0	2	0	0	6	2,117
HURON	7	19	20	0	19	65	10,361
KENORA	0	0	1	0	0	1	132
KENT	9	5	20	0	0	34	3,315
LAMBTON	60	10	14	0	1	85	11,034
LANARK	0	0	3	0	0	3	250
LEEDS & GRENVILLE	7	1	1	0	3	12	1,289
LENNOX & ADDINGTON	7	2	0	0	0	9	3,297
MANITOULIN	1	2	6	0	0	9	3,535
METRO TORONTO	7	2	0	0	0	9	361

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MIDDLESEX	8	7	11	0	10	36	5,225
MUSKOKA	20	1	1	0	0	22	844
NIAGARA	4	3	14	0	0	21	1,399
NORTHUMBERLAND	1	2	5	0	0	8	346
OTTAWA-CARLETON	2	0	4	0	4	10	2,576
OXFORD	12	0	3	0	0	15	2,722
PARRY SOUND	1	0	0	0	0	1	4,668
PEEL	19	3	3	0	1	26	1,896
PERTH	45	8	9	0	3	65	6,825
PETERBOROUGH	2	1	3	0	0	6	660
PRESCOTT & RUSSELL	3	0	3	0	11	17	1,838
PRINCE EDWARD	4	6	9	0	0	19	2,761
RAINY RIVER	0	48	49	0	0	97	15,788
RENFREW	0	5	1	0	0	6	1,227
SIMCOE	3	28	9	0	1	41	3,345
STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY	1	0	12	0	12	25	3,165
THUNDER BAY	1	0	2	0	0	3	308
TIMISKAMING	0	0	4	0	0	4	1,036
VICTORIA	2	0	4	0	0	6	1,008
WATERLOO	3	10	15	5	2	35	2,957
WELLINGTON	3	4	15	0	1	23	3,165
YORK	5	23	5	0	0	33	3,235
ONTARIO TOTAL	315	324	348	12	78	1,077	151,706

TABLE VI

NUMBER OF PROPERTIES REGISTERED BY COUNTRY OF REGISTRANT TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

COUNTRY	NO. OF PROPERTIES	NO. OF INDIVIDUALS/ ENTITIES	ACREAGE	% OF NON-RES. ACREAGE
AUSTRALIA	1	1	98	0.06%
AUSTRIA	9	6	932	0.61
BAHAMAS	8	1	1,268	0.84
BELGIUM	3	1	376	0.25
BERMUDA	2	2	605	0.40
CANADA	707	190	93,839	61.85
COLUMBIA	1	1	127	0.08
DENMARK	2	1	300	0.20
ENGLAND	8	7	576	0.38
FRANCE	1	1	203	0.13
HONG KONG	1	1	100	0.07
ITALY	2	2	42	0.03
LIECHTENSTEIN	4	3	372	0.25
NETHERLANDS	5	4	807	0.53
PANAMA	1	1	200	0.13
QATAR	1	1	100	0.07
SINGAPORE	1	1	100	0.07
SWEDEN	1	1	109	0.07
SWITZERLAND	21	14	2,922	1.93
TANZANIA	1	1	100	0.07
TRINIDAD	1	1	100	0.07
U.S.A.	129	67	19,622	12.92
VENEZUELA	5	2	891	0.59
W. GERMANY	162	86	27,917	18.40
TOTAL	1,077	396	151,706	100.00%

TABLE VII

NON-RESIDENT INTERESTS BY YEAR OF ACQUISITION

YEAR	ACRES	# OF PROPERTIES
1930-39	4,751	2
1940-49	284	4
1950	368	4
1951	237	2
1952	387	4
1953	1,255	7
1954	363	5
1955	802	7
1956	247	4
1957	1,032	6
1958	293	4
1959	634	9
1960	1,424	11
1961	889	11
1962	1,709	6
1963	907	8
1964	707	10
1965	4,173	18
1966	1,753	19
1967	1,514	16
1968	3,333	34
1969	6,242	36
1970	10,622	45
1971	1,953	23
1972	2,674	27
1973	13,887	89
1974	5,929	38
1975	1,933	19
1976	1,837	31
1977	867	15
1978	4,267	34
1979	3,894	34
1980	18,719	168
1981	44,426	273
1982*	7,394	54
TOTAL	151,706	1,077

*January to September